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House of Representatives  
Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce  
Room 2125, Rayburn House Office Building  
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Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C. 20505

Sir:

Enclosed are three copies of H. R. 1306, upon  
which the Committee would appreciate a prompt report, together  
with such comment as you may desire to make.

Will you kindly transmit your reply in triplicate.

Respectfully,

*Harley O. Stagger*

Chairman

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# H. R. 1306

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 4, 1977

Mr. ROE introduced the following bill; which was referred jointly to the Committees on Interstate and Foreign Commerce and Interior and Insular Affairs

## A BILL

To establish a National Resource Information System, and for other purposes.

- 1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
- 2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
- 3 That this Act, divided into titles and sections in accordance
- 4 with the following table of contents, may be cited as the
- 5 "Natural Resource Information Act".

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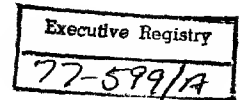
- Sec. 1. Short title and table of contents.
- Sec. 2. Findings and purposes.
- Sec. 3. Definitions.

### TITLE I—BUREAU OF NATIONAL RESOURCE INFORMATION

- Sec. 101. Additional definition.
- Sec. 102. Establishment of Bureau.
- Sec. 103. Functions of Secretary; delegation.
- Sec. 104. Director of Resource Information; duties.
- Sec. 105. Seal.
- Sec. 106. Functions and powers of the Bureau.
- Sec. 107. Work priorities of the Bureau.



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*Basic Congress*

Honorable Harley O. Staggers, Chairman  
Committee on Interstate and Foreign  
Commerce  
House of Representatives  
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

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In our view, the mandatory reporting provisions of section 210 and the inspection and subpoena provisions of section 211 do not apply to Government agencies. Section 107(b) of the bill does require the Director of the Bureau of National Resource Information to establish consultation, liaison and exchange agreements with all departments and agencies of the Federal Government engaged in the maintenance of natural resource information, including CIA. However, CIA information on natural resources would necessarily have direct links to foreign intelligence matters. Any such arrangement between the Director of Central Intelligence and the Director of the Bureau of Natural Resource Information would have to provide for sufficient protection against the unauthorized disclosure of natural resource information involving intelligence sources and methods, pursuant to the responsibility of the Director of Central Intelligence under 50 U.S.C. 403.

The Office of Management and Budget has advised there is no objection to the submission of this report from the standpoint of the Administration's program.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Stansfield Turner

STANSFIELD TURNER

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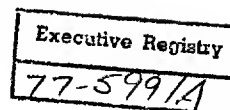
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